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Gallagher residents work to construct deck



photo by Jim Lieb

Mark Cuff, Ryan Koppelman and Bryan Strasburger work on the new deck outside of Gallagher Hall.

by Julia Garcia

The residents of Gallagher Hall have made a new addition to their "home away from home." This past weekend, the men of Gallagher Hall constructed a deck just outside of the entrance facing the basketball courts.

Ryan Koppelman, senior, brought the idea to the attention of fellow residents and to the administration. It will serve as a place "to grill out and hang out," stated Koppelman.

The deck is a 12' by 12' construction, positioned to the right of the entrance to the hall. It was constructed recently after the project was delayed for more than a week, pending administrative review. William Maniscalco,

the Vice-President for Student Affairs, and Chris Zanowski, Director of Student Life, supported the idea, however, there was still some concern over the safety of having a deck, which was later resolved.

Several residents donated \$10 each in order to raise the \$500 needed to buy the supplies. The construction was lead by Mark Cuff, junior, who has six years of construction experience. Many other residents also volunteered their time and effort.

Although there are mixed feelings about the necessity for a deck and the cost of building one, "for the most part, residents are excited," stated Koppelman.

Eleven new members join faculty

by Natalie Berenda and Becky Johnson

With the 1996-97 school year in full swing, many students have noticed new faces on campus. Those faces belong not only to new students but also to eleven new faculty members.

Dr. Jennifer Barce specializes in education. She teaches educational psychology, reading in content area, and human growth and development. Barce has taught at Purdue University as well as Goshen College. "I like the small atmosphere of this college. I think for a teaching education program, it is much more to the students' benefit and professor's benefit to have a close working relationship in a small classroom," Barce said.

Dr. Greg Diamond teaches statistics and psychology courses. A California native, he enjoys interacting with students. Diamond stated, "I

like knowing students and being known."

Dr. Anne Gull, a graduate of Saint Francis College of Fort Wayne, Indiana, teaches general chemistry. "I went to a small college myself, so I like this kind of atmosphere," stated Dr. Gull.

Dr. Michael Malone is teaching philosophy and Core 3. "I like communicating with students and I enjoy getting feedback from them," Malone said.

Doug McKinley directs the Saint Joseph's concert and show choirs this year. McKinley also is the choir director at Rensselaer Central High School.

Teresa Massoels, a 1989 graduate of Saint Joseph's College, is now teaching computer science courses as well as Core 1. Massoels stated, "It is nice to come back and teach at my old

school."

Fabian Novello is a graduate of Purdue University. He teaches physiological psychology.

Robert Reuter, who taught at Purdue University for five years, teaches Core 1. Reuter commented, "Saint Joseph's College had several things that I wanted in a career. I like the fact it is a Catholic college and the Core program is something very special. It is a great opportunity not only for the students, but for the instructor as well."

Frank Snider teaches a course in psychology. He is currently working on a research program called Father Resource in Indianapolis.

Chu-Yin Chang teaches a course in Chinese one day a week.

Dr. Edie Schmidt specializes in marketing and teaches Core 1 classes.

1996-1997 class officers elected

Class officer elections were held on September 10 and 11. The class presidents have a seat at student Senate meetings. The newly elected officers are:

Senior Class

President- Tracy Ziemba
Vice President- Jude Clover

Secretary- Cindy Rinke
Treasurer- Denise Hutchinson

Junior Class

President- Reggie Stevenson
Vice President- Julie Lanoue
Secretary- Rachel Call
Treasurer- James Blinzinger

Sophomore Class

President- Sarah Klusek

Vice President- Jamie Riberto

Secretary- Carrie Edgell
Treasurer- Marcie Janjecic

Freshman Class

President- Rachel Guzman
Vice President- Sarah Grubb
Secretary- Sy Foley
Treasurer- Toni Leppert

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It's been extremely difficult to call myself a staunch Democrat these days. I would also challenge anyone who supports Bob Dole and calls himself a staunch Republican to reevaluate.

Maybe I never noticed the watering-down of political stances which occurs during an election year. Maybe this year its "in" to be neutral.

Since when was the Republican party the party of the woman? The party which has, for the past few decades particularly, been characterized by Caucasian, white-collar "maleness" had a congresswoman deliver the keynote speech at its national convention.

And since when was Dole soft on abortion? In order to appease the central "in" crowd, he seems to be waffling a bit on the issue, saying that the GOP should be tolerant of a woman's right to choose. That's not the Dole I thought I knew.

When I sat down in front of the television last month to watch the Republican National Convention in San Diego, I was prepared to let myself get really riled. I was a little disturbed by Senator Hutchison's cheap shots at the President, but I can honestly say that I did not even flinch at a word spoken by Dole.

Thousands of hardcore Republicans cheered him

on as he used the rhetoric of a man just a little right of center. What happened? Could this be the same man who months ago refused a \$1000 campaign contribution from a prominent gay and lesbian group?



To be fair I should also mention that Clinton also appears to have been sucked into the middle lately. He's cutting welfare. He's supporting a bill that does not recognize gay and lesbian marriages. He had a conservative male Democratic governor deliver the keynote address at his party's national convention.

What's going on this year? Is the only way to get elected to call yourself either a "conservative Democrat" or a "liberal Republican"? I am a Democrat, a liberal, and I wish Clinton would just take a stand and stay there. There are enough of us out here who side with the Democrats, who abhor Dole/Gingrich, to elect Clinton because we share his liberal tendencies.

However, this is not why we will vote Democrat this year. The 1996 election will most probably end in a victory for the Democrats, not because the majority of the United States believes in Clinton and his ideology, but because we perceive him as the lesser of two evils. I definitely feel cheated.

-emily karol

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country: but he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." —Thomas Paine, Common Sense

Thomas Paine's observation on the eve of the American Revolution has a certain immediacy for the Republican Party on the eve of the 1996 Presidential Election.

Where did the "road to the White House" in 1996 begin? For all intents and purposes, it began with the 1992 Presidential Election and the first years of the Clinton Administration.

The Party had an upward swing in 1994 when the Republicans retook both houses of Congress for the first time in fifty-five years. The culmination of the "Republican Revolution" would be with the 1996 Presidential Election.

The race for the Republican nomination saw many candidates and many ideas. Much was brought to the Presidential campaign table.

As 1996 began, these many viewpoints began to coalesce in the campaign and message of one man: Senator Robert Dole of Kansas. Dole, a traditional conservative, also knows the value of unity and compromise.

What, then, do Bob Dole and the Republican Party stand for? The Republican platform can be divided into three sections: Opportunities, Strong and Safe Families and Communities and Smaller and Smarter Government.

What opportunities will the Republicans create for Americans? The Republi-

cans will create opportunities for all by lowering tax burdens. By lifting the oppressive thumb of taxation from Americans, the Republicans will create opportunities for growth and prosperity into the next century.

The Republicans are moving toward making Welfare what it truly should be: a safety net for times of trouble. They also have many plans to fight the increase in teen drug use in the United States. Representative Charles Rangel of New York, a Democrat, said "I have never, never, never seen a President as unconcerned about fighting drugs as Bill Clinton." The Republican Party will "get tough" on teen drug use.

Illegal immigration would be curbed by the Republicans. People coming to America, abiding by the laws, becoming citizens and contributing to the society and economy is the American Way. Illegal immigration is exactly that: illegal.

Lastly, the Republicans again look to an idea put forth by Thomas Paine in Common Sense: "Government, even in its best state, is a necessary evil." The Republicans will shrink the government and remove its pervasive influence from the daily lives of American men and women.

In closing, more august and wise words from Thomas Paine. In his *The American Crisis*, Paine gives a good mission statement for the Republican Party and for all Americans: "We fight not to enslave, but to set a country free, and to make room on the Earth for honest men to live in."

Amen, Mr. Paine.
-william shannon



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Bevec takes charge of Pumapalooza returns to campus

SJC Career Center

By John Osborne

As recently as a generation ago, having a college degree almost guaranteed a graduate a well-paying job. Employers used to aggressively scout universities for future workers. Not so today. Increased enrollment and the vast availability of financial aid in college has caused a mushrooming of job candidates.

Fortunately, there are ways around the increasingly tough job market. One of those ways exists here at Saint Joseph's College in the form of the Career Center. The Career Center is a valuable, yet seldom used asset when it comes to obtaining employment. This year the Career Center has come under the leadership of rookie staff member Linda Bevec. She comes to Saint Joseph's from Quincy University where she ran a very successful similar program. Linda, whose husband Frank is the new Director of Admissions at Saint Joseph's, is hoping to increase accessibility of the Career Center, as well as utilize it to its full potential. That means preparing students for job interviews, preparing them for graduate school entrance exams, and finding them internships while they are still enrolled here.

"My big ambition is to get

employers on campus to hire students," she said. "But I am also concerned with improving their interview skills and their resume writing skills."

One of the biggest obstacles in getting the center off the ground has been the fact that it is located on the third floor of the Halleck Center, a place not frequented by a lot of students. This "hindrance" is something that Bevec hopes to eliminate sometime this fall when they relocate on the second floor. That aside, Bevec doesn't feel there have been any real problems.

"It's always a challenge," she said. "Getting employers to come here is not always easy because we are a little out of the way, but I have to make sure the students are ready when they do come. Many students don't realize that some employers do the bulk of their hiring in the fall, so it's important not to wait until graduation in May to start looking. I see the Core program here as a great one, and I do feel confident in promoting a Saint Joseph's education to employers."

The St. Joseph's College Career Center is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 to 4:30.

by Elizabeth Lieb

On Saturday, September 14, the I.M. field was filled with the sounds of the second annual Pumapalooza. Five local bands provided entertainment to students while competing for prizes. The contest was sponsored by the Student Union Board.

Bands involved in the event were The Smugglers, Don Quixote, Phahzzy, The Ledge, and Simple Solutions. Some bands included Saint Joseph's students, others were College alumni or friends of students. Bands were invited to compete for prizes while

showing off their musical talents.

The event took place on the I.M. field outside of Gallagher Hall. Two stages were used so that one band could set up while the other was playing. This arrangement allowed the bands to continue playing with few interruptions.

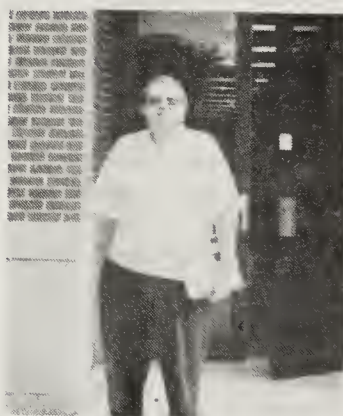
The bands in Pumapalooza competed for cash prizes awarded by SUB. First prize went to The Ledge, with an award of \$300. Simple Solutions took the second place prize of \$200, and Phahzzy

won \$100 for third place.

Senior Bill Pearson plays with The Ledge. The group has been together for nine months. They recently played in Valparaiso as a benefit for the Diabetes Association. The Ledge will release their first CD later this fall.

SUB Director Cindy Rinke was happy with the turnout for the event, despite early threats of rain. She commented that all the bands enjoyed playing, and the event will probably become an annual event at St. Joseph's.

Kerlin wins Hopewell award



English Professor Charles Kerlin's short story, "Mother Came to Visit Yesterday," has been selected for the Award of Excellence in the new issue of "Hopewell Review: New Work By Indiana's Best Writers," published by Arts Indiana Magazine. Alan Cheuse, Book Reviews Editor for National Public Radio and national juror for the fiction competition, says that "Kerlin's story evokes a certain engaging other-worldly quality rooted in the deepest human emotion. Kerlin took some real chances and succeeded in splendid fashion."

Kerlin has written a novel and has received an Individual Artist Fellowship from the Indiana Arts Commission.

Four students awarded Business Club Scholarships

by Natalie Berenda

Each year, the Saint Joseph's College Business Club awards the Future Executive Scholarship to two or more eligible freshmen. This year, four students were awarded the Future Executive Scholarship: Rosa DaSilva, Blair VanVelse, Ryan Gandurski, and Dan Ulvila. The \$1500 scholarship was divided four ways, awarding each recipient

\$375.

The students who received this scholarship have a commerce major or minor and take accounting, finance, marketing or management courses. Each applicant wrote a one-page essay explaining why he or she should be awarded this scholarship. Applications for next year's scholarship are available in April.

1996-97 Saint Joseph's Senate

The St. Joseph's College Senate held their first meeting of the school year on Monday, September 16. The members of the Senate are:

Aquinas
Nicholas Anagnost, Robert Conerty, Amy McConville
Bennett
Eric Nisbeth, Dan Gandolph, Brian Clark, Dave Templin
Day Students
Jason Huber, Pam Brown, Bob Dusek, Becky Johnson, Rita Guerrero, Amy Black
Gallagher
Brian Strasberger, Ryan Davis, Brian Zimmer, Chad Crcager, Mark Cuff

Halas
Valerie Pflum, Jen Emeritz, Vicki Vallone, Jen Mantz, Kathy Jarowicz
Justin
Stephanie Witkemper, Becky Hicklin, Jennifer Benedetti, Chris Tardy, Tammie Williams, Mary Zurek, Jill Peterson
Merlini
William Pearson, Bryan Bowen, Paul Erck, Ben Waldron
Noll
Jeff Proctor, Dcstin Haas, Joe Hemmelgarn, Jcremy Williams, James Sacco
Seifert
Steven Kaplin, Zachary Wells, Carl Voltaire, Scott Babjak



photo by Jim Lieb

Bevec comes to St. Joseph's from Quincy University.

Lockdown: *New security system causes confusion*

by Robert Dusek & Heidi Jugovic

Returning students were greeted this semester with warm smiles and a locked door. Saint Joseph's College, to the surprise of many students, has implemented a managed key/escort/visitation system that it has been working towards for approximately two years.

The search for a new security system was spurred by several security incidents on campus in the past two years. The issue was brought to a head in the fall of 1994 when the Student Senate, spearheaded by Jackie Leonard, notified the College that there was a security problem on campus and thus put the College on legal notice to do something about it.

The Student Association took little action on the matter until Eric McKeown and Bill Pearson took office as President and Vice President, respectively. McKeown and Pearson were notified by the administration that they needed to take action, or the school would act without student input. Then, alerted by the SA, the Senate began debate. Whether or not a new system was, in fact, necessary was addressed repeatedly in Senate and dorm meetings, and the question of what such a system would entail resulted in even lengthier debates.

In fact, much of Pearson and McKeown's time in office was spent trying to get the Senate involved in the matter. Before they left office, they had taken a proposal through the Senate and to the Student Life Committee (SLC), where it was passed on as a recommendation to the Administration. Having come to terms with Vice President Maniscalco, McKeown and Pearson thought they had accomplished something.

However, Pearson now thinks that his tenure as VP was rendered fruitless by the new implementation because the recommendations that he and McKeown had brought to the Administration were ignored. The allegedly ignored terms concerned the breezeways, the escort policy, and the hours to which the Senate had agreed.

Maniscalco does not think that students' wishes were ignored,

saying, "...substantive changes were not made" and saying that the escort policy resulted from Chad Pulver's request for longer visitation hours, accompanied by an escort policy. However, Pulver wanted the escort system between the hours of 11pm-12am, so RA's would not have to be on duty for an extra hour.

Ernest Watson said that the hours dorms are opened were determined by Security's observations of "traffic patterns" in the dorms. The breezeway issue was not addressed with the doors remaining closed during the hottest hours of the day.

Pearson is not alone in believing that the students' voices and wishes on this issue were ignored. Another student government member said, "My problem with the system is that it seems what the students voted on in the Senate and other committees was totally disregarded. They did whatever they wanted to basically. What we said wasn't even reflected in what they did."

Other students like Manda Hollis, Jeremy White, Brian Zimmer, Denise Fitzgerald, and Douglas Thames, as well as others who wished to remain anonymous, feel that student wishes are not reflected in the current policy. White's comment was that "the administration frankly did not care what its constituents thought."

SLC meeting minutes reveal the following recommendations that came from the Student Senate concerning the Managed Key/Escort/Visitation Policy.

(1) The Student Senate recommends to the faculty/administration that no 24-hour lockdown of the residence halls on campus be imposed.

(2) The Student Senate recommends to the faculty/administration that, within the framework of the managed key system, all residence hall exterior doors should be locked on weekdays and weekends during non-visitation hours.

(3) The Student Senate recommends to the faculty/administration that, within the framework of the managed key system, the exterior doors of Justin Hall and Halas Hall should

be locked on both weekends and weekdays from the end of visitation hours until 7 p.m. the next day. The exterior doors of these residence halls would be open from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. on Sunday-Thursday, and they would be open from 7 p.m.-2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

(4) The Student Senate recommends to the faculty/administration: No uniform campus escort policy will be implemented to accompany the managed key system. Beyond the lockdown of the dorms during specified hours, the students of Saint Joseph's College must be responsible for their own security. Therefore, individual residence halls retain the option to design and implement their own escort systems. ...Any policy adopted by a residence hall would be subject to the approval of the Faculty Committee on Student Life and the Student Affairs office.

These recommendations all passed through the SLC, except for number (3). The SLC, in order to replace number(3) and to accommodate those who might want to protect themselves more robustly, drafted and passed the following motion: Individual dorm units may extend the Managed Key System hours by:

A: A majority vote where a quorum of the dorm residents are present.

B: Approval of the SLC

C: Approval of the Student Affairs Office

The SLC can only recommend proposals, and cannot set policy, so the above was sent to the Student Affairs Office, and the resultant product is the current Managed Key/Escort/Visitation Policy.

There are apparent differences between the above recommendations by the students and SLC, the policy printed in the PUMA Guide, and the policy in effect. Students concerned may consult their PUMA Guide for comparison. The apparent inconsistencies appear to be the reason why some students are concerned about their voices being heard.

Students also resent the manner in which the current

policy was implemented. Students received no information from the College over the summer regarding the new system's final policy or implementation date. Current SA President Chad Pulver was informed a week before students got to campus but was never given a specific date of implementation. Several freshmen came to campus uninformed of the system. Maniscalco argued that the issue was talked about at least 18 months prior to this year, and it was announced through the Senate that it would be implemented this year, saying that they "had to lock it down someday."

Fitzgerald said, "I think that they should have told us before we came back to school instead of just posting little notes and locking the door, ...I thought we were pushing toward 24-hour visitation, and it's gotten stricter instead; I don't appreciate that, and I don't appreciate how they didn't involve students in the decision." Jude Clover commented, "The students needed to be more well informed before they just imposed something like that."

Student opinions were not all of the negative type, varying widely and creatively. Several students think the new system is effective and several Freshmen do feel safer. Although many students feel inconvenienced by the system, many think that the inconvenience is worth it and is reasonable. Clover observed that "It can be inconvenient at times, but I also think it's probably inconvenient for the grappler to be walking around the women's dorms." Marty Corley, a junior Security staff member, commented "That's how it will be in the real world." Douglas Thames, a senior student Security employee, said "When you think about it, when you leave home, you lock the door and take your key with you...It's the same thing here."

However, many students feel that this campus is a unique place, and that locking everyone out of each other's dwellings is not the direction Saint Joe needs to take. Brian Zimmer stated that "One of the reasons given [for the managed key system] was that all

other colleges do it, but we are not like any other college. UCLA has the slide system. Well, we're not UCLA."

Maniscalco's response to this was that the college was not doing this to keep up with anybody. Head of Security, Watson, stated that "We're finally catching up to other schools."

Jeff Weir, junior, felt similar to Zimmer, stating that "What attracted me to this campus was the friendly, open atmosphere of the College. This [key system] takes away from that openness."

Indeed, many students feel that the managed key system has compromised the social atmosphere of the campus. "They keep taking stuff away," commented Zimmer, "Now we can't move freely. They took the parties away. They keep taking all these things away, still raising the tuition, and they don't put anything in its place."

White commented "I think they are treating 18 to 22 year-olds like 7 year-olds. I understand perhaps the need for some tighter security, but locking us in is not the way to do it. I think it makes us feel like children, and it takes away a lot of our rights." Thames said the students feel like they're "being 'locked down,' as they put it." The major complaint is that locking the dorms has broken down the social unity of the campus.

Maniscalco's response is "Just an open door doesn't make the warmth and friendliness," adding that the athletics, core, and the cafeteria provide warmth and openness that attracts students. Watson responded, "The safety down system is not there to hinder the students from socializing, but to make their socializing safer," and adding "It's a change; not everybody is going to agree with a change." Maniscalco also added that the system's overall plus is that it "empowers people," allowing people to "focus on private time," and academics.

Students should keep in mind that the policy is new and it has "a few pitfalls" to be worked out, according to Watson. Maniscalco added that the system is "in the process of development," and he encourages stu-

Ear Wacks



by Brian Zimmer

In the early 1970's a band from Jacksonville, Florida erupted onto the music scene with their first major label album, "Pronounced: Lynard Skynard." From that point on Lynard Skynard would release nearly an album every year for the next several years. With such pop favourites as "Sweet Home Alabama", "Free Bird", and "Gimme Three Steps", Lynard Skynard would immortalize themselves in music history. When most of the band members were killed in a tragic airplane crash however, it seemed as though their brand of southern rock was gone for good.

Flash ahead 20 years and you will see that Lynard Skynard is back. This time the southern rockers are mainly a summer attraction but a very lucrative one at that. While the new Lynard Skynard still releases albums, their stage shows are all classic Skynard or, as I like to say, "Skynard 101." The shows are usually packed with well, shall we say, your stereotypical Lynard Skynard hill William (p.c. for hill billy) but one can usually find somebody normal like me every few thousand people.

Since J.B. Lind had already spoiled most of the surprises for me, I knew that the Confederate flag was going to be shown "en mass" at the show. What I didn't know was that I was attending the Indiana chapter of the Klu Klux Klan's annual meeting.

To these people, the stars and bars represent a world that is at least 35 years younger, one in which racial hatred is the norm and segregation is the law.

I believe the stars and bars represent a dying way of life and a deep sense of pride. It symbolizes a landscape that is completely different and a people that are very distinct in their views and passions.

Whatever you believe, you can rest assured that not all

Lynard Skynard fans are racist rednecks. I'm not even sure if the old band members were. I don't know what the Confederate flag meant to them and I don't know what it may mean to you, but that doesn't mean we all can't hoot and holler together to "Honky Tonk Nighttime Man," stars and bars optional.

Now here is a brief run down of the summer's musical highlights and lowlights.

Nay sayers be gone, Beck rocks with the best of them. With his new album, "Odelay", Beck reminds us that he is more than a loser. So why would we just kill him (o.k. that was cheap). His album is a must for those who like to rock, groove, mosh, or do anything else exciting, legal or not.

The Cranberries on the other hand released their third album that just happened to be the most pretentious piece of crap I've heard in a while. Dolores O'Riordan reminds us that our society sucks so much, it makes me want to be a delinquent just to piss her off...take that O great philosopher Dolores.

Super Deluxe was my biggest surprise of the summer. Their album, "Famous" is very entertaining. Mix The Lemonheads, Redd Kross, and Cheap Trick (at their best) together and, there you have it, Super Deluxe.

The Black Crowes made a very strong showing this summer with their new album, "Three Snakes and One Charm" as did their would be proteges The Screamin' Cheetah Wheelies with a very long winded but overall, very solid album.

Of course it would be a travesty to forget about that new group The Butthole Surfers (anybody heard the song Pepper yet?) and the consistently rich and cathartic, Cracker, who gave us their third album "The Golden Age" with little support from our friends at commercial radio. I thought that was pretty low of them myself, but what do you expect from them? Honesty? Loyalty? Get real..please.

Next week. Bob Dole and the Entertainment industry. Does he really believe "Independence Day" lifted up our morally decrepit nation? Plus a review or two!

unfair to unlock or lock each dorm based on the wishes of that particular dorm. Over-all, 61% of respondents felt self-governing dorms would be more fair than a campus-wide policy. Women were split 50/50 on the issue, while 73% of men were in favor of self-governing dorms.

Meanwhile, students should keep in mind that not all security issues are ad-

ressed by the new system. Watson claims that "the mindset of the students" is still a problem saying, "I think students see the down system as a cure-all. It's still up to them to make this campus safer." Thames also feels that greater student cooperation would definitely improve security on campus. Maniscalco commented, "People are responsible for their own security."

Cafeteria gets a facelift

by Peggy McLeish and Vanessa Mangiaforte

A very obvious difference on campus this year concerns our dining services program. The cafeteria this year is being run on a one year contract with the Food Services division of Marriott International. Marriott International is an expanding corporation that includes airline food services, hotels, as well as educational food services. Mr. Steve Santo, under Marriott, is the new Director of Dining Services.

Mr. Santo has come from his previous position at the University of Denver in Colorado, and chose to work here at Saint Joseph's. In an interview, he said that he is very glad to be working here especially due to, "the partnership that the college set up with Marriott." He also commented that he likes to be a part of the Saint Joseph's community, and particularly would like for the students to become more involved in the food services program.

Mr. Santo felt that the most problematic part of the previous food services system concerned the lack of interaction between the management and the students. He said, "It is very important that students get involved to make the changes that they want." A Food Committee composed of Saint Joseph's students, faculty, Mr. Santo, and other members of the staff is working on the development of the food services system together in order to integrate concerns from the entire community.

Marriott Food Services operate on what is called a Consumer Driven Process. The motto of this process, as Mr. Santo said, is "We want to give them what they want, within reason." The cafeteria staff as well as the cosmetic aspect of the cafeteria "needed to be more customer oriented," according to Mr. Santo. Changes that have been made since his arrival include the addition of a deli bar everyday, a bakery program that involves having a baker who comes in each night, as well as a general aesthetic work in the cafeteria. Mr. Santo commented that he felt, "the cafeteria needed to be updated."

The future of the food services, will include many more options for dining, as well as a continued availability of classic menu items. The goal of the progressive process is to provide more non-traditional options for the students, such as a fresh fruit bar and a grill area available each day. There are many other ideas as well that are being set up in order to provide a more efficient and enjoyable food services system for the community. Mr. Santo urges all students to continue their commentary and become involved in the program.

(...see backpage for picture)

dents to discuss the issue on a campus wide basis, considering the male and female views. He also commented that "Over time, students will see the value of the safety down system."

With the new system's implementation, the idea of self-governing dorms has resurfaced. Students now feeling the constraints of the system think that a campus-wide lockdown is not the solution.

James Blinzinger, speaking for several men in Bennett, feels that locking all the dorms in response to the wishes of a few is unfair. Specifically, several men feel that a few women's desires for increased security was imposed upon the men's dorms unnecessarily. Blinzinger said, "If the women want it, let them have it. Just don't force it on us."

One possible solution to differing wishes and needs in different dorms would be to make each dorm self-governing, a system already used by other colleges across the country. In this system, each dorm would determine it's own visitation hours, escort policy, quiet hours, and lockdown policy. In colleges that use this system, the effect has been to create a different atmosphere and character for each dorm and to allow students more control over their lifestyle by giving them choice over where they live.

One concern in implementing such a system appears to be sexism. Some students fear that a dorm-by-dorm policy would result in a lockdown of women's dorms and not men's dorms. Watson and Maniscalco felt that such a system may be seen as a form of discrimination since it would not "apply the same rules to all" or be consistent. Watson also said that implementing such a system would not be feasible because we lack security personnel to sit in the lounges at all times. However, such a system may not require constant security based on the type of policy each dorm decided to enact.

To gauge student opinions on the fairness of self-governing dorms, a brief survey was conducted where 29 women and 28 men were asked whether it would be fair or

Men's and women's fall soccer season off to a strong start

by Kevin Collins

The lady Pumas have opened up what promises to be another victory filled soccer season. They currently possess a record of 2-1 overall and have yet to play a single conference match.

The ladies reached their current record by demolishing the Cardinals of Saginaw Valley State 10-0, walking on the lady bulldogs of Minnesota Duluth 6-0, and then suffering their only loss to Truman State 2-0.

The Pumas have a nice balance among the classes. The team carries eight seniors, five juniors, seven sophomores, and six freshman. Newcomers to

the team include #2 Lori McKinney, #5 Mary Reid, #16 Jill Hrobsky, #21 Julie Recker, #23 Nichole Kappler, #24 Shannon Anderson, and #26 Aubrey Kelley.

The men's team also carries a fairly well balanced team as they have five seniors, eight juniors, five sophomores, and four freshman. The men's newcomers are freshmen #00 Nik Balta, a goalkeeper from Orland Park, Ill, #2 Rob Burns, a Midfielder from Leawood, KS, #10 Mike Tyrikos, a midfielder from Crown Point, Ind, and #23 Kris Sharpe, a Goalkeeper from Royal Oak, MI.

The Puma men have only played one match to date,

against the Cardinals of Saginaw Valley State on September 1st. That match ended in a 1-1 tie after a brilliant defensive struggle and some great work in the net by both goalkeepers.

Chuck Carmody came up with ten big saves for the Pumas while the Cardinal's keeper had eleven to hold off the Pumas. Bill Pearson scored the Pumas' only goal with 25 minutes left in the match. However the Cardinals tied the game with 11 minutes to go.

The next home match for both the men's and women's teams will be September 25th as they host the Greyhounds of Indianapolis University.

New Head Coach and Big Win:

Promising signs for a winning football season

by Jamie Riberto

Out with the old, in with the new. That motto definitely applies to the 1996 Saint Joseph's College football team. They are starting the season off with new changes as well as new challenges.

The first major change for the Pumas is head coach Brendan Flaherty. Coach Flaherty was an assistant coach last year, and after Coach Polka announced his resignation in July, Coach Flaherty took over as head coach of the Pumas. He was shocked at first to find out that he would be the new head coach, but at the same time he was also excited to take on the new challenge.

Another recent challenge the team and the coaching staff are facing is their new conference. Last year the Pumas were in the Midwestern conference but now this year they are playing independently while forming the Great Lakes Valley Conference along with Kentucky Wesleyan and Quincy. Coach Flaherty's, as well as the rest of the team's, goal is to beat the two teams in their conference and have a winning record at home.

These are very achievable goals for the Pumas after the way they played in their first two games of the season. In the first game of the season, the Pumas took on University of Indianapolis and played a tough game, but came up short, only to lose in overtime (28-21). In

their second game of the season the Pumas took on West Virginia Tech and ran off with the win crushing the Golden Bears 29-0.

The Pumas scored all of their points in the second half and by the end of the game, the team was on fire! Both defense and offense played extremely well. The touchdowns of the game were scored by Goldie Ashford, Hamid Forouzi, and Bryan Outlaw, who had two.

The team looks to be very promising, losing only six seniors from last year and gaining approximately 29 talented freshman. This first win of the season has brought on confidence and pride to both the players as well as the student body.

The next team the Pumas play is Indiana State on September 21st. Unfortunately for all of us Puma fans, the game is not at home. Even though most of us will not be at the game, our Puma pride will be there in spirit. As the Saint Joe fight song goes:

Fight men! Fight for old "St. Joe!"

Hold fast, conquer the foe.

Be now a sturdy band; So let your courage stand,

Leading to victory. Rah! Rah! Rah!

Fight hard! Look to the game.

Here is to glory and fame!

Pile up the spoil of fight; Add to your honor bright,

Lead on to victory.

Golf teams swing back into action

by Jill Stevens

Golf is back at Saint Joe. After a year without a team, the golfers are back in action. A new coach, Rick Mangus, has taken over.

The season is starting to shape up. As underdogs, the team is in a low pressure situation. Coach Mangus says that with the talent he sees on the team, good things can happen.

The Great Lakes Valley Conference is a very competitive one for the sport of golf. Mangus believes that his teams will make a good showing.

Mangus coaches both the men's and women's teams. He says the experience is "a lot of fun." He also notes that there are many differences between the two teams.

The women's team this year is young. The

team consists of one senior, Chastity Miller, one sophomore, Marcy Janjicic, and four freshmen, Amanda McKirgam, Chrissy Staffan, Kristi Flick, and Jill Lagerhausen. All six members will be major factors since six-member teams compete in tournaments.

Returning veterans for the men's team are George

Flick, Jason Rozanski, Jesse Stamper, Nick Anagnost, Jim Sedam, Eric Nesbeth, and Eddie Kanizer. In a recent meet, Flick was in contention for a medal. Tied for second, he was defeated on the decisive hole.

Four freshmen, Brett Gastineau, Brent Royal, Dan Hushek, and Mike McCallum, also contribute.

Look for stories on these fall sports in the next issue of
The Observer:

Women's Volleyball
Cross Country
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Tennis team suffers injuries, yet continues to win

by Jill Peterson

Goals are being set and improvements are being made in order for the Saint Joseph's College women's tennis team to be a top contender in the Great Lakes Valley Conference this season. So far, the positive record of three wins and one loss has been a glimpse of hope and promise for Head Coach John Barrientos.

His expectations for the team include being a better team than last year, especially due to the return of Jen Silva at #2 singles and the addition of freshman Elizabeth Decker at #3 singles. "My goal for the team is to at least be one of the top three teams in the GLVC and make advancements individually and as an entire team," Barrientos noted.

Junior Co-Captain and #1 singles and doubles player Manda Hollis observed, "We are definitely more solid this year as a team. Our girls are not forced to play positions that they are not comfortable playing. This will build confidence that will enable us to be strong challengers in the conference."

Unfortunately, injuries have plagued the Lady Pumas. Only three weeks into the 1996 season, the team has encountered four out of ten players with serious injuries. These include Decker with a sprained ankle, sophomore Andrea Dick with a bruised wrist, Hollis with a pulled quadricap, and junior Vanessa Sobolewski with a torn shoulder.

Barrientos is confident that when all of his players are strong and 100% healthy, the team will resume to its full potential. "Injuries are bound to occur, however, this year has seen an extremely high number of girls struggling with pain," he said.

Despite the hardship of injuries, the team has overcome them by recording wins over Franklin College, Olivet Nazarene, and Lewis University, respectively with victory scores of 9-0, 8-1, and 7-2. The University of Indianapolis defeated the Pumas 5-4, due to excessive unforced errors, according to Coach Barrientos.

The team's most significant

asset proves to be experience, even though there are no seniors on the team. With four juniors, Hollis, Jill Peterson, Silva, and Sobolewski, and four sophomores including Dick, Kimberly Grote, Laurie Hammontree, and Co-Captain Jill Orzechoskie, the team is rounded out with two freshmen, Decker and Katie Flanigan. The upperclassmen each have had at least two years of involvement on the team.

Nevertheless, the line-up has not been totally set in stone. "We are trying things out and experimenting until we have a good feel for where everybody should be playing. Neither the doubles or the singles line-up is secure yet," Coach Barrientos stated.

Leadership is a feature that the team does not lack, especially with Hollis' superb attitude and extreme intensity and desire to win every match. Orzechoskie, her doubles partner, remarked, "Our biggest strength is depth and team unity. We are friends on and

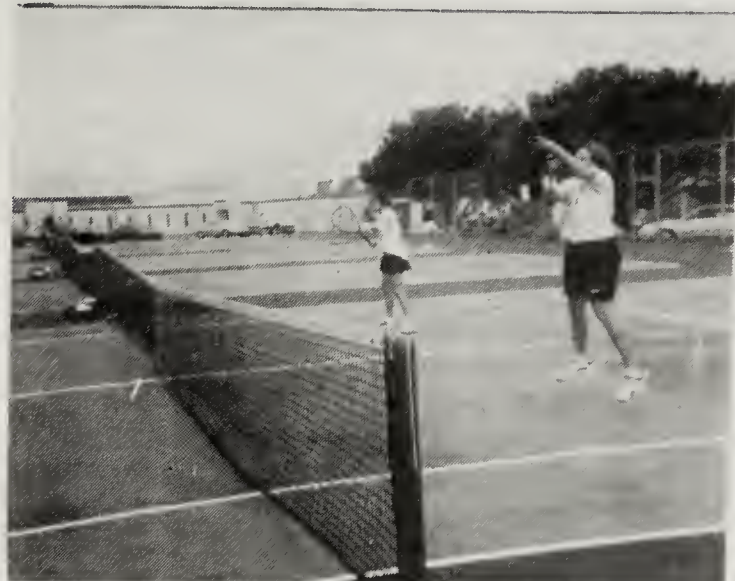


Photo by Marty Costello

Laurie Hammontree and teammate Andrea Dick reach for the ball at practice.

off the court, which greatly increases our ability to win. Personally, I hope to contribute consistency of my game to the team in order to help us win."

From a freshman's standpoint, college tennis differs from the high school realm through more intense training and difficult practices. Decker, who was ranked 16th in women's high school tennis before graduating from Brownsburg, is adjusting quite nicely to collegiate tennis. "She has won every match in

the number three singles slot and is improving with every match she sets out to play," Barrientos recalled.

On September 20-21, the Lady Pumas will venture to Lewis University to compete against the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Quincy University, and the University of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Additionally, the team will attempt to further its winning streak on September 24 when Saint Joe hosts the College of St. Francis (IL).

Baseball team 1996 World Series Runners-up

by Erin Breetzke

The Puma baseball team has done it again! While many students enjoyed the beginning of their summer vacation, the baseball team was hard at work in Montgomery, Alabama.

In the final moments on Saturday, June first against Georgia's Kennesaw State, the Pumas gave it their best effort and received the title of College World Series Division II runners-up (losing to Kennesaw State 4-0). All-tournament

awards were given to Senior Andrew D'Amore for pitcher, 1996 graduate Dominic Horgeshimer for first base, 1996 graduate John Fitzgibbons for right field, and Senior Lou Pinto for second base.

"The overall experience was great," Senior pitcher Marc Macias commented. "It's something that's never happened in the history of the school, and we're a team they'll never forget."



Photo courtesy of Al Stasch

Senior All-American Lou Pinto and Jeff Norus head to batting practice.

Inside Out

a story by Rachel Barlage

Andy ran toward the swingset, jumping into his favorite swing before Natalie reached the other swing and began to pump her legs frantically. He couldn't let her win, especially since he had sat down in his swing first. Besides, she was just a girl, and Andy's friends teased him when she beat him at anything. She was his little sister, a whole year younger than he, but she was just as big as him. She could run faster and scream louder and sometimes she could swing higher than he could. Andy pumped his legs, leaning his body towards the front, back, front, back to make the swing go higher faster.

"I'm winning! I'm winning!" Natalie shrieked, smiling happily as she stretched her thin, scraped legs to the sky.

"Are not!" Andy pumped as hard as he could and closed his eyes to increase his concentration. He wouldn't let her win. Not this time. She would tell all of his friends, and they would tease him and call him a girl. Natalie would get to play with them during recess, and he would sit in the corner of the 4-square court by himself. Andy didn't like sitting by himself, and he didn't like losing to his younger sister.

As he pumped harder and harder, Andy imagined himself swinging right off the swingset and flying away, high up into the clouds. Opening his eyes, he saw his mother standing in the kitchen window waving to him. She was smiling, and

she called to him out the open window.

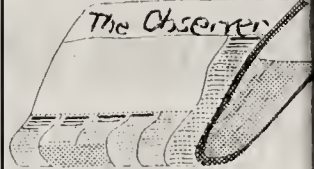
"Don't swing too high," she warned. "You'll flip over the top and turn inside out!" When his mother had first told him that he would turn inside out if he swung too fast, Andy had been terrified. He had envisioned his raw, bloody insides, his muscles and organs and veins, protruding from his T-shirt while his skin and hair was somehow sucked into his body. But this had never happened, so Andy just kept swinging. "I mean it!" his mom cried. "Not so high!" Soon he was much higher than Natalie. He was swinging so high that he was almost parallel to the ground at the top of his arc.

"Yes!" he cried. "Yes! I did it! I beat you! I beat you!"

"Andy, stop pumping!" Natalie screamed. "You're going too high. You're gonna get hurt!" But Andy pumped even harder than before. He was swinging very fast now, and very high. Higher than he had ever gone before. Natalie stopped moving her legs and watched her brother as he continued to rise higher into the air. Soon he went so high that he almost flipped. The chain jerked as his swing fell to the bottom of its arc. Pumping with all of his strength, Andy reached the top bar of the swingset, and as his younger sister watched in horror, he flipped over the bar, flew upside down in the swing, and turned inside out.



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Steve Santo enjoying his new job and new faces at SJC



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Winter Maiden of Pristine White

by Mike Nichols

Oh, I see you've come back again,
But do I really see at all?
Or am I just imagining you're here
drifting down from the sky so clear
drifting over me as you fall?
Shine in the eerie twilight,
give me the strength to make it right.
Oh, I saw you in the stars tonight,
My winter maiden of pristine white.



How, in the freezing winter's darkness,
could I feel so warm?
In the lonely field lit only by a distant glow,
I listen to voices as the winds blow
through your storm.
A ghostly train barrels into the night,
sending wingless birds to flight.
Oh, I'd give anything for the return of my sight,
My winter maiden of pristine white.



Could you help me: believe again
in holy things so pure?
cleanse my soul of disease,
all the graven images and twisted fantasies.
Is it enough to just believe I can be cured?
Forgive me if I fear the phantom of loneliness's bite
I've long been a victim of his fright.
But not since you came from the sky to hold me tight,
My winter maiden of pristine white.



Let me be resigned
to the fact that everything dies
For I see you gathering on the ground, silently sublime
remorselessly rising like the sandy grains of time,
the sparkle melting from your eyes.
With the dark approaching, do you leave me alone to fight?
I know you will disappear with the coming morning's light.
But let me remember you were here tonight,
My winter maiden of pristine white.

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